

Wye School Council **DRAFT**

Monday, April 23rd @ 6:30 pm

Submitted by: Michelle Beck, Secretary Wye Council 2017

Attendees: School Trustee: Jim Seutter
School Administration: Bill Schlacht, Bill Korec
Families represented: Jen Archer, Sue Shwaga, Michelle Beck, Marlene Crippin,
Sarah Lazzer, Colleen Adamic

1.0 Call to Order at 6:37 pm

2.0 Agenda was approved as written

3.0 Approval of February 2018 minutes Motioned.

4.0 Principals report, presented by Bill Schlacht, Principal

4.1 Enrollment:

- Down 50 kids, mostly due to the grade 6 large class leaving and small KG class coming in (39). Lost some (10 kids) to Davidson.

4.2 Staffing. At this stage 1.5 surplus teachers. All continuous teachers will have a job, just a Question of which location. Requirements may change over the coming months.

4.3 Class plan for next year, preliminary.

KG --39 kids will be two smaller classes

Focus on keeping Div 1 classes smaller as it make a difference in Div 2 learning

There will be a few grade split classes, likely 3 & 4 and 5&6 splits

Grade 1 may be 3 reasonable class sizes or possibly 2 ½ like current Grade 3 model.

Friday, April 25th will be getting more current budget numbers

4.4 Field Trip Discussion - see attached.

Discussion: Around per child cost of field trips, along with new extracurricular activities this year that parents will pay for. Noon hour supervision fees still a discussion with central office due to magnitude of increases (this is driven by the drop in student enrollment only, not the increase in total cost of noon hour supervisors)

4.5 School Education Plan

- To sync with the EIPS plan which has been extended from 3 to 4 years in order to line up with Trustee terms, all schools will be extending their SEP from 3 to 4 year term. Wye plans to continue to focus on Numeracy, Literacy as well as the Leadership/community priority. Likely to see new activities to support each of the priorities into next year. Leadership lighthouse school priority will continue. Final SEP is due end of October, 2018 for the 18/19 school year.
- New curriculum for K to 4 could possibly come into play in the 19/20 school year, and would be reflected in the SEP at that time.
- Principal expects to attach standards and details to the SEP this year so success can be clearly seen and measured.
- Teacher quality practice standards will roll out in September and will include emerging technology/STEM/Maker Space.

Action: DRAFT SEP to be discussed in September meeting (Mr. Schalacht)

4.6 Bell Schedule Change

- Currently Transportation department is not moveable and has offered only the early timeframes.

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- Based on discussion and parent feedback (which has been varied from complete support to strong parent angst) Mr. Schlacht has chosen to keep the current bell schedule

Discussion: Parent voice should be partnered with Admin voice and we would like to support the need for bell schedule change to a more reasonable timeframe. At this point, the late ending time for Wye School is not only a detriment to student wellness but also for the time our teachers spend in classroom compared to other EIPS teachers.

Action: Invite: Lisa Weder Director Transportation to our next meeting to hear the discussion (Mr. Schlacht).

4.7. Christmas concert

- SCA not taking any more bookings at this point until later in the year. Confirmed at the same location as last year, currently December 4th.

Discussion: Wonderful that we are keeping this fabulous event. Parent support is high. Could we consider limiting ticket sales to keep the audience at a reasonable number, counter discussion that this is seen as more of a community event. We could potentially live stream the production as many schools have been doing.

Action: Discuss with FAWS the possibility of having a live stream vs a video (Michelle)

4.8 New School Update

- During spring break needed to submit 70% of the plan to Central office, and with a \$22 million budget and only \$158,000 over, it was a successful submission.
- Next step is end of May for public tender and breaking ground in August.
- The sense of the whole school is going to be open, classrooms bleeding into other areas, bright/natural, glass, and a large common area for the kids.
- School is being built to capacity at about 650 students, there will be no options for portables in the future
- Key focus today is to keep our spending to things that we want for the new school
- Spring cleaning across the school, we will not be moving items we don't want to keep.
- Playground: The current community playground is staying in the location, and we will be able to get the provincial grant of \$250,000 for a school playground. The funding may or may not be enough, research and stakeholder discussion will draw up the right needs assessment. After that there will be a RFP going to the public before a decision on which playground provider will be used. Then the final design will drive a final price. Expectation is that should we go with natural play options along with rubber or fibar flooring the price will be anywhere between \$250,000 to \$500,000.
 - Note that the current Wye school playground is the property of Strathcona County and if we move it we will not only need to pay for the move, but also pay the county for the equipment. This is not a reasonable option.
- Name of school is an open discussion, and will be discussed on May 3rd at the Board

Discussion: Potential for boundary changes must be high, given the capacity size of the school and some precedence with Davidson which was 'fill the school to capacity for opening'. No discussion or decision at Board level yet. Will see in the next year.

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Discussion: Jim has had questions from parents around potential before and after day care at the school. There is no plan for Wye to do this, however lack of clarity around the private before and after care next to our current location.

Discussion: Playground Committee is needed as a subcommittee under the Council. Mr. Schlacht would like to kick off in the fall. Motion to be added to the next meeting.

Action: FAWS and Kitchen committee asked to clean out the parent kitchen, sheds where carnival stuff kept and ensure only items that will be moved stay. (Requested by admin)

Action: Contact the wye school day home and see what they are planning to do. (Michelle)

5.0 Trustee Report - Jim Seutter, Trustee (see attached)

- Trustees invited to attend a number of school tours, well maintained schools
- Elk island youth ranch....teenagers mostly... last step for students. This school could likely use some more funding to enhance the student experience.
- Budget approval by the Board and will be submitted to the Province in June.
- New school name - Board will consider the question at May 3rd Education meeting. In the past the Board has done a survey to community and parents as a way to invite feedback and opinion.
- Transportation survey to be done by May 23rd and action expected in June. This is a key priority for the Province, and based on parent feedback that Transportation for kids is not ideal.

Action: Jim/Trina to get back to us after May 3rd meeting. (Jim S)

Action: Send out transportation survey again to parents (Mr. Korec)

6.0 ASCA AGM Update

- ASCA 2 day conference and 1 day AGM was attended by Michelle Beck.
- Feedback around excellent resources, information, collaboration opportunities with other councils.
- This year the price of admission was covered by EIPs as there are 12 spots that parents can apply to be funded for. Next year we should try to get funding for one spot again and fund another out of the fundraising. The opportunity is invaluable if parents can volunteer 3 days.
- Eye opening review around the upcoming K to 12 curriculum change, suggest that Council put on some education sessions for parents around this.

7.0 FAWS Update

- Announcement 30 days prior to AGM is required (FAWS AGM is Friday 14th).
- New hot lunch provider (The Lunch Lady) will start in September with hot lunch options every Wednesday.

8.0 Photography Update

- Photography will be over 2 days in early September to take advantage of the good weather.
- K to 4 on a Monday and Grades 5 and 6 the next day. There will be options for retakes and sibling pictures this year!

Adjourned 8:30 pm.

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 9 at 1:00 pm at Wye School